

MONTANA'S ALTERNATIVE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS

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BACKGROUND

- Preliminary Draft EIS (2010)
 - Surprise Preferred Alternative
- NGO Partnership engaged late 2010
- FOCUS:
 - Community engagement
 - County economic impacts and analysis
 - Building relationships and leadership



WHAT WE DID

- ✗ Coordinated appropriate team of experts
- ✗ Developed robust stakeholder process
- ✗ Engaged in research and analysis
- ✗ Conducted series of connected meetings



PROCESS & PRODUCTS: CONTEXT, IMPACTS

Stakeholder & Peer Driven Elements

→ Product

Define Questions & Methods

→ Scope of Work

→ Preliminary Results

Feedback, Questions

→ Working Drafts (2 reports)

Peer Review

→ Working Drafts

Feedback, Questions

→ Updated, Final Drafts (2 reports)

PROCESS & PRODUCTS: ROUTE SELECTION

Stakeholder & Peer Driven Elements

→ Product

Define Variables

→ Matrices/Worksheets

Weigh and Rank Variables

→ Preliminary Surfaces

Adjust Weights/Ranks

→ Working Integrated Surface

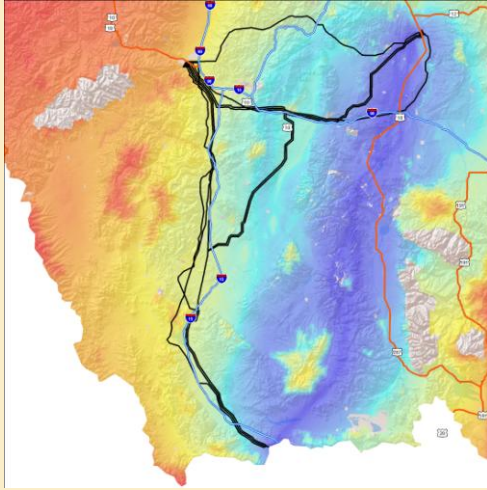
Adjust Ratios

→ Working Integrated Surface

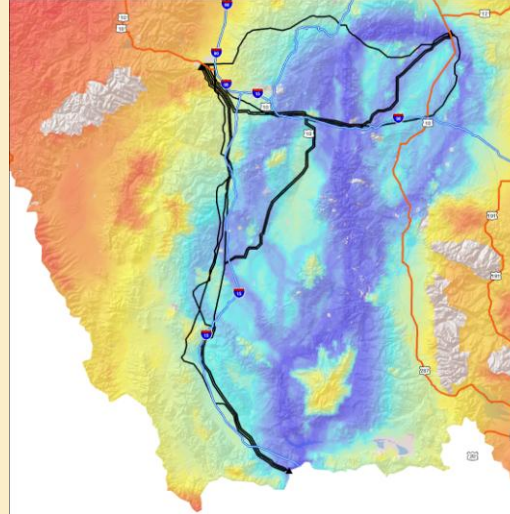
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→ Least Cost Path Model

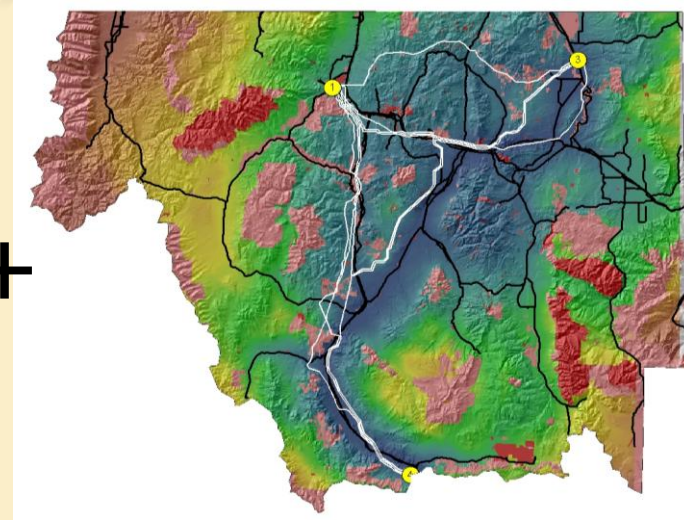
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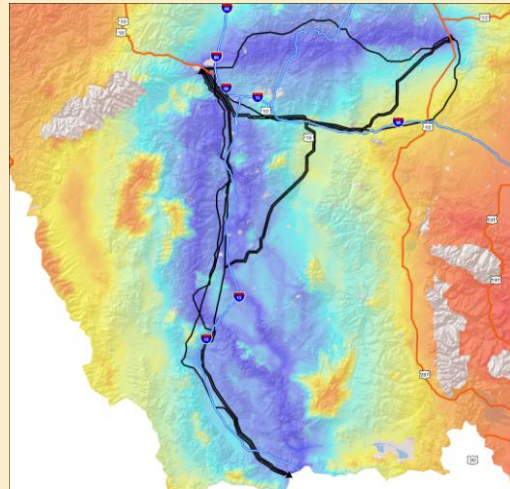
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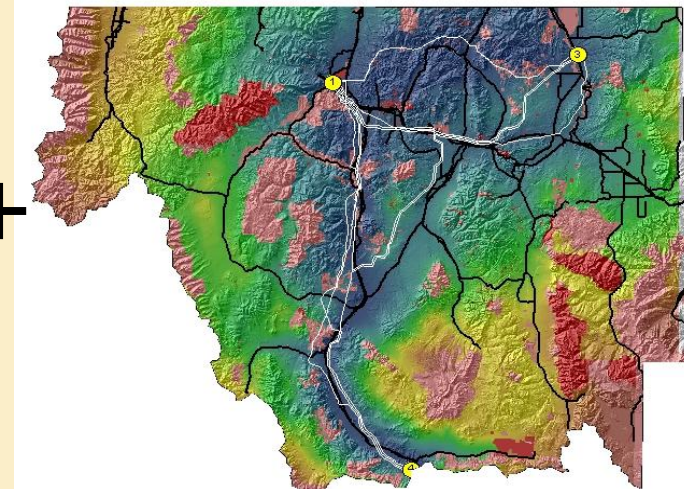
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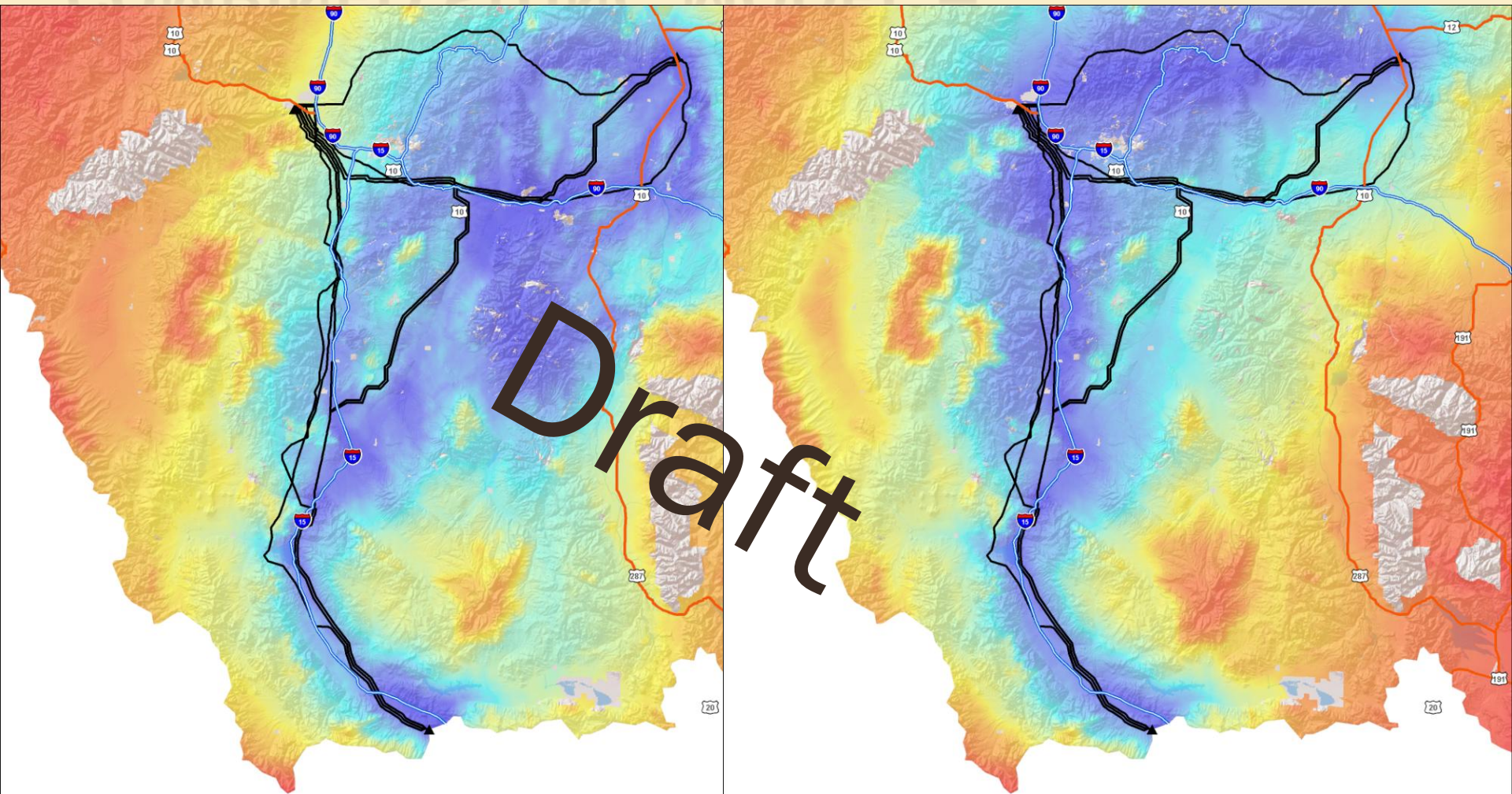
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COMBINED SITING MODEL =



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LESSONS LEARNED

- ✗ Reasons for our success:
 - + Stakeholders are invested when they define the questions
 - + Siting process is nested in Economic analysis and research
 - + Transparency



LESSONS LEARNED

✘ What we would do differently:

- + Build stakeholder process much earlier before lines are drawn on the map.
- + Engage entire length of the line and create stakeholder advisory committee.
- + Have the process be initiated by transmission developer.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS



QUESTIONS?



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